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 NEW YORK.—Henry Armstrong, who defends his welterweight title against Cefarino Garcia on Wednesday night, slipped and fell in the ring during training on Tuesday, but was not seriously injured.

DuBois Warns of US Nazism
 ETTRIK, Va.—If similar tactics were practiced in the South as are practiced in Germany today, such results as we witness in Germany might be expected here, according to Dr. W. E. B. DuBois who spoke before the faculty and students of Virginia State College last week, on "Race Prejudice in Germany."

Pete and Repeat--
Kate and Duplicate
 ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. (ANP)—Frank Savage, woman making money for their support, was in court last week to show cause why he was unable to pay anything.

R. T. Fountain, his lawyer, told the court that Savage is married.

"This man wants to do the best he can, your honor, but consider his predicament, with twins at home and twins abroad."

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Heflin Indicts Politics
 Former Senator Tom Heflin attempted to make political capital of the alleged discovery of the knife by denouncing that the governor grant the Scottsboro boys another pardon now pending. Heflin also denied the boys placed their own cases.

The pardon board has sent the governor a recommendation against pardoning any of the boys now in prison at Patterson. One Oswald Charles Weems, Andy Wright and Charles Henry. Four others were freed last year.

SHE LEADS VA. SALARY FIGHT



MISS ALINE BLACK.

Wife Says She Flew Elder's Gun

GREENSBORO, N.C.—The law intended to appear for a hearing on Thursday.

STORK WILL PAY THEM A VISIT



Josephine Baker, star of the Folies Bergere in Paris, shown with her husband, Jean Lion, French industrialist. In a transatlantic telephone conversation,

with AFRO editors, she confirmed reports of an impending bliss event. "If not this year," she said, "you can expect the baby early next year."

Jo Talks to AFRO

Star Reveals She Will Be Mother Soon; to Quit Stage

For the second time in ten months, THE AFRO-AMERICAN talked to Josephine Baker in Paris over the transatlantic telephone. In December, the AFRO confirmed reports of Miss Baker's marriage. This week, from the star, herself, the AFRO brings confirmation that the Folies Bergere star will soon become a mother.

By transatlantic telephone, 12:30 Saturday, October 29
 "This is the AFRO-AMERICAN calling, William N. Jones talking."
 "Yes, American friends are all excited about the report, isn't it? It has been given out at a gathering there (Continued on Page 1, Col. 1.)"

Chicago Pullman Porter Holds \$75,000 Ticket

CHICAGO.—Royal E. Spurlark, Sr., "rags on the road" as a Pullman porter but he got his biggest "rip" from the Cesarewitch race in England last week—\$75,000 for holding a ticket on No. 2 horse, Du-Bonnet.

Youth Killed at Sandlot Football

ST. LOUIS, (ANP)—Lester Chapman, 20, died Saturday night at Home C. Phillips hospital of injuries suffered October 18 when he was playing sandlot football.

ASK LEHMAN TO SAVE RIVAL FROM LYNCHERS

NEW YORK.—(ANP)—Governor Herbert Lehman was asked by Jim Neal, former sharecropper, who received from a Georgia lynch mob a year and a half ago, "Red" who was arrested two weeks ago charged with being a fugitive was working as a superintendent of a New York building.

Pickens Raps Railroads for Poor Waiting Rooms

WATKINSVILLE, Va.—(ANP)—In a letter sent last week to officials of several railroad companies and to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, Pickens, president of the NAACP, presented the conditions he found in Southern Jim Crow waiting rooms. The letter reads in part: "This station (the one at Watkinsville) is one example of the neglect and almost shabby discomfort which colored travelers receive from our railroads and their employees and their agents."



MRS. ANNA STEWART, wife of Dr. Charles Stewart, of Greensboro, N.C., who held a ticket on Cantrevent, winner of the 100th running of the Cesarewitch race at Newmarket, England, last Wednesday. Mrs. Stewart, who will receive what is left of \$150,000 after taxes are deducted, is shown in New York City at the home of her brother, Harry F. Bearden. Another brother, Howard Bearden, is the husband of Mrs. Beazy Bearden.

For photos of others upon whom Lady Luck smiled, see Page 2.

"To Him that Hath It Shall Be Given"

Mrs. Anna Bearden Stewart, Wealthy in Her Own Right, Wins \$150,000 in Irish Sweeps

NEW YORK.—Mrs. Anna Bearden Balloch Stewart, who won \$150,000 on Cantrevent in the Irish Sweepstakes last week, does not have any particular plans for its use. She and her husband, Dr. C. Stewart of Greensboro, N.C., have long been known as the South's most generous couple. The extra thousands will only add to an already substantial bank account.

7 Mates Dead, Has Her 8th

WHITEVILLE, N.C.—Mrs. Annie King Bowden, 37, recently applied for an old age pension here and revealed that she has had eight husbands.

Barred from 'Heaven,' Buddy Landed in Jail

NEW YORK.—Because he was punished in the past and returned out of Father Charles' Lenten Avenue "heaven," after he had been barred from it, the 30-year-old James J. Smith, 300, 3rd Street, is barred from it again. The 30-year-old man had been in the workhouse when he failed to pay a \$20 fine.

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could be reached, the Richmond attorney filed the petition.

Contentions set forth in the petition follow:

"That the aforementioned salary schedule provides for a maximum salary for female white high school teachers of \$1900, and a maximum salary for female colored teachers of \$1105;

"The said salary schedule provides a minimum salary for female white high school teachers of \$970 and the minimum salary for female colored high school teachers of \$699. (The figures in this paragraph are quoted from the annual report of the superintendent of public instruction of Virginia 1936-37.)

"That said schedule provides a higher salary for white teachers and principals than for colored teachers and principals with similar qualifications and experience in performing essentially the same duties; the said differentials are based solely on the ground of race or color.

"That pursuant to said schedule petitioner is paid less salary than white female high school teachers with similar qualifications and experience in performing the same duties.

"That petitioner and others of her race acting as teachers and principals in the public schools of Norfolk are paid less salary than white teachers and principals with similar qualifications and experience; and performing essentially the same duties as the aforementioned.

Enforcing Discrimination
 "That the school board of the city of Norfolk in enforcing the said schedule has by means of the unjust discrimination mentioned above, according to the annual report of the superintendent of public instruction of Virginia,

1936-37, paid white female high school teachers and average annual salary of \$1627;
 "And at the same time has paid colored female high school teachers an average annual salary of \$950 despite the fact that colored teachers in the high schools of Norfolk have the same qualifications and experience.

Calls Action Wrong
 "The school board of the city of Norfolk in adopting and enforcing the salary schedule of teachers referred to above, and in administering the said schedule, and in paying teachers salaries thereunder as mentioned,

"Has discriminated unjustly against the petitioner and others of her race similarly employed in the school system of the City of Norfolk solely because of their race or color in violation of the constitution and laws of the State of Virginia;

"And has denied the petitioner and others of her race similarly employed in the school system of the city of Norfolk the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

"Wherefore:
 "Your petitioner prays:
 "That the school board of the city of Norfolk adopt and enforce a new salary schedule equal as to all teachers and principals with the same qualifications and experience without any distinction being made as to race or color of teachers or schools.

Demands Equality
 "That the petitioner and others of her race similarly employed in the school system of the city of Norfolk be paid salaries equal to that paid white teachers with the same qualifications and experience."

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